

Dreams Church and the people of Michigan's 13th District Strong.

HONORING ED HAYNES

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ed Haynes for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Frederick Douglass once said, "it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." I thank Ed Haynes so much for believing in our mission of interrupting the school to prison pipeline and to guiding our young boys along a cheerfully charted path and sending them to college. He is investing in the children of our community, and they will be the benefactors of his investment for generations to come. He will always be a part of us, and we will always be a part of him. I thank him for all that he does on behalf of our children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Ed Haynes, a 2023 Role Model Wall Man with a generous philanthropic spirit, and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.

HONORING DAMON CONNOLLY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Damon Connolly upon his retirement from the Marin County Board of Supervisors as District One's dedicated Supervisor for 8 years.

A Bay Area native and 25-year resident of San Rafael, Damon is a champion for important community issues from environmental conservation and renewable energy to affordable housing and public infrastructure. A founding board member of Marin Clean Energy, one of the state's first community green-energy providers, Damon has worked with firm commitment to reduce Marin County's environmental footprint, attain 100 percent renewable energy independence, and improve public infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians. With an ear always turned to the thoughts and concerns of San Rafael residents, Damon developed a reputation for his open-door policy and yearly commitment to personally going car-free to test the efficacy of the transit system.

Drawing on his prior tenures on the Dixie School Board of Education and San Rafael City Council, Damon was willing to confront controversial issues and manage conflicting priorities, including spearheading the preservation of open space, such as Silveira Ranch, while advocating for more affordable housing.

Damon served as President of the Board of Supervisors in 2018 and more recently, on the board of directors for the Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Marin County Housing Authority, Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART), and Marin County Open Space District. He is also the former

President of the Workforce Alliance of the Noah Bay, Chair of Marin Transit, and Marin's representative on the Metropolitan Transpollution Commission.

Madam Speaker, Damon Connolly's commitment to the community has been, and will continue to be, productive and enduring. I respectfully ask that you join me and the Board of Supervisors in extending to Damon gratitude for his two terms on the Marin County Board of Supervisors, and best wishes as he continues to represent Marin as a California State Assemblymember.

**HOMETOWN HERO—NORTH TEXAS
FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS**

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize 22 North Texans who have gone above and beyond representing our country—and our community—around the world as Fulbright scholars.

These North Texas leaders were hand-picked for the highly prestigious Fulbright Program based on their exemplary merit:

Anastasia Badillo, Madisen Caster, Saltanat Childress, Christine Cho, Rahul Dadwani, Katherine Dau, Susannah Dibble, Cristina Flores Rodriguez, Pablo Gonzales, Dimitar Grantcharov, Apurva Gunturu, Jon Paul Heyne, Gretta Hotz, Shirin Khakoo, Courtney Kobos, Josiah Lindquist, Connor Mitchell, Kathleen Painter, Elizabeth Parker, Jose Ma Rios, Nikitha Vicas, and Joshua Yudkin.

Through international educational exchange, they forged lasting relations between the United States and fifteen countries across the globe.

I am immensely proud to represent such active and determined scholars, peacekeepers, and American heroes. I look forward to seeing the positive results of their hard work abroad.

HONORING DEPUTY CHIEF
TIMOTHY BELCHER

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker. I rise today to honor Deputy Chief Timothy Belcher for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

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Model Wall Man with a generous philanthropic spirit, and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
BRITT VAN

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Britt Van, a dedicated staffer for the New Democrat Coalition.

Britt departs the Coalition this month after working for more than five and a half years providing Coalition Members and staff with countless hours of policy advice and recommendations. I am especially honored to have worked with Britt, considering she is from my congressional district. It was a delight to have a constituent serve in an important policy staffer role while I was Chair of the Coalition in the 115th Congress.

During my term as chair, the Coalition established a task force to examine the evolving nature of work. Britt was instrumental in this process, and in developing our Economic Opportunity Agenda, which laid out our Coalition's policy priorities to ensure that American workers were prepared for the jobs of the future. Britt was the lead staffer on this agenda, developing and coordinating our work with New Dem offices, think tanks, and outside stakeholders. Without Britt, our agenda that focused on creating a future that works for all would not have been possible.

Britt was also critical in spearheading our policy efforts related to international trade. Anybody who has gotten to know Britt knows that she is a staunch defender of the importance of American leadership in the global market. She continued to carry the mantle on trade issues with our next two Chairs and cemented the Coalition's leadership on these issues.

Madam Speaker. I thank Britt Van for all of her work for the New Democrat Coalition. All of our Members have benefited tremendously from her policy knowledge and commitment to the job. Britt will be dearly missed by the Coalition, and I wish her all of the best.

COMMENDING DR. CHRISTA MARTIN FOR HER SELFLESS SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY AND THE GREAT STATE OF TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Dr. Christa Martin of Columbia, Tennessee.

Christa Martin exemplifies the volunteer spirit. She was born and raised in Maury County and continues to serve the community she cherishes so deeply. Growing up on a farm instilled in Dr. Martin the three main focuses of her life: education, public service,